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Subchapter 1: GENERAL PROVISIONS

§4201. DEFINITIONS

Tattoo means to insert pigment under the skin of a human being by pricking with a needle or otherwise, so as to produce an indelible mark or figure visible through the skin.

§4202. EXEMPTIONS

This chapter is not intended to apply to any act of a practitioner of the healing arts licensed in the State and performed in the course of his practice.

§4203. MINORS

No person shall place a tattoo mark or figure upon a person under the age of 18 years. [1975, c. 701, §16 (RPR).]

SECTION HISTORY

1969, c. 433, §92 (AMD). 1971, c. 598, §82 (AMD). 1975, c. 701, §16 (RPR).

§4204. PENALTIES

1. Penalty. A person who fails to be licensed as required by this chapter, violates the sterilization, sanitation or safety standards adopted by the Department of Health and Human Services under section 4251 or performs tattooing on a minor commits a civil violation for which a fine of not less than \$500 nor more than \$1,000 may be adjudged for each violation.

[2013, c. 264, §14 (NEW) .]

2. Enforcement. A person who fails to pay a penalty imposed pursuant to this chapter:

A. May be referred to the Attorney General for appropriate enforcement action; and [2013, c. 264, §14 (NEW) .]

B. In addition to all fines and penalties imposed pursuant to this chapter, is liable for any interest, costs and fees incurred by the Department of Health and Human Services, including attorney's fees. [2013, c. 264, §14 (NEW) .]

[2013, c. 264, §14 (NEW) .]

SECTION HISTORY

2013, c. 264, §14 (RPR).

§4223.
(REPEALED)

SECTION HISTORY

1975, c. 767, §75 (AMD).

Subchapter 2: DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

§4251. RULES AND REGULATIONS

The Department of Health and Human Services is authorized and empowered to make necessary rules and regulations governing the application of tattoos upon the bodies of human beings. [1975, c. 293, §4 (AMD); 2003, c. 689, Pt. B, §6 (REV).]

SECTION HISTORY

1975, c. 293, §4 (AMD). 2003, c. 689, §B6 (REV).

§4252. ISSUANCE OF LICENSES

The Department of Health and Human Services may license persons to practice the art of tattooing. Such licenses are issued for a term of one year and may be renewed annually. The fee for an initial license or a renewal license may not exceed \$250. All fees collected by the department pursuant to this section must be deposited in a special revenue account dedicated to a health inspection program. [2013, c. 264, §15 (AMD).]

SECTION HISTORY

1975, c. 293, §4 (AMD). 2003, c. 689, §B6 (REV). 2009, c. 589, §11 (AMD). 2013, c. 264, §15 (AMD).

Subchapter 3: LICENSES

§4301. LICENSE REQUIRED

No person shall place a tattoo upon the body of another human being without first obtaining a license from the Department of Health and Human Services. [1975, c. 293, §4 (AMD); 2003, c. 689, Pt. B, §6 (REV).]

SECTION HISTORY

1975, c. 293, §4 (AMD). 2003, c. 689, §B6 (REV).

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